



STORM WARNING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012

The U.S. Forest Service is encouraging hikers, hunters and other people that may be recreating on the Green Mountain or Finger Lakes National Forest to use caution in the coming days as “Sandy” approaches. While we encourage recreation on the forests, public safety is our top priority. People should pay close attention to local weather reports and stay clear of potentially hazardous situations. If we receive heavy rain and high winds, it is our recommendation that people stay out of the woods and away from swollen streams.

The National Weather Service has predicted that this storm may bring heavy rain and high winds to the area.

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE OBSERVED:

- 1) If you are injured or know of another injured person, call 911.
- 2) Because backcountry streams may quickly become swollen or near flood stage, do not approach, attempt to cross, or camp near these streams.
- 3) Do not attempt to hike or drive through flooded roadways—there may be an eroded gully beneath the water.
- 4) Please stay away from washed out or damaged areas.
- 5) Slow down and use extreme caution on backcountry roads. Roadbeds and shoulders may become soft, and shoulders may be undermined. Trees and limbs may also be in the road.
- 6) In the event of high winds, be wary of falling limbs and hazardous trees.
- 7) Reduce exposure to lightning. Stay away from high points and open areas. At the first sound of thunder, move to safety.
- 8) Always be sure to let people know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- 9) Please report storm damage to the U.S. Forest Service by calling 802-747-6700. Forest Service employees will assess damage and close public access to areas deemed hazardous or impassable, as soon as possible.